

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

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So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 417

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that Representative XAVIER BECERRA be removed as a cosponsor of H. Res. 417. Mr. BECERRA was listed as a cosponsor due to a clerical error.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 441) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 441

Resolved, That the following named Member be and is hereby elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION.—Mr. Brady of Pennsylvania, Chairman.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2317, the Lobbying Transparency Act of 2007.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. TAUSCHER). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

LOBBYING TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2007

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 437, I call up the bill (H.R. 2317) to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require registered lobbyists to file quarterly reports on contributions bundled for certain recipients, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2317

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Lobbying Transparency Act of 2007”.

SEC. 2. QUARTERLY REPORTS BY REGISTERED LOBBYISTS ON CONTRIBUTIONS BUNDLED FOR CERTAIN RECIPIENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1604) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(d) QUARTERLY REPORTS ON CONTRIBUTIONS BUNDLED FOR CERTAIN RECIPIENTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days after the end of the quarterly period beginning on the first day of January, April, July, and October of each year, each registered lobbyist who bundles 2 or more contributions made to a covered recipient in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000 for such covered recipient during such quarterly period shall file a report with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives containing—

“(A) the name of the registered lobbyist;

“(B) in the case of an employee, his or her employer; and

“(C) the name of the covered recipient to whom the contribution is made, and to the extent known the aggregate amount of such contributions (or a good faith estimate thereof) within the quarter for the covered recipient.

“(2) EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.—In filing a report under paragraph (1), a registered lobbyist shall exclude from the report any information described in paragraph (1)(C) which is included in any other report filed by the registered lobbyist with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives under this Act.

“(3) REQUIRING SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION PRIOR TO FILING REPORTS.—Not later than 25 days after the end of a period for which a registered lobbyist is required to file a report under paragraph (1) which includes any information described in such section with respect to a covered recipient, the registered lobbyist shall transmit by certified mail to the covered recipient involved a statement containing—

“(A) the information that will be included in the report with respect to the covered recipient; and

“(B) the source of each contribution included in the aggregate amount referred to in paragraph (1)(C) which the registered lobbyist bundled for the covered recipient during the period covered by the report and the amount of the contribution attributable to each such source.

“(4) DEFINITION OF REGISTERED LOBBYIST.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘registered lobbyist’ means a person who is registered or is required to register under paragraph (1) or (2) of section 4(a), or an individual who is required to be listed under section 4(b)(6) or subsection (b).

“(5) DEFINITION OF BUNDLED CONTRIBUTION.—For purposes of this subsection, a registered lobbyist ‘bundles’ a contribution if—

“(A) the contribution is received by a registered lobbyist for, and forwarded by a registered lobbyist to, the covered recipient to whom the contribution is made; or

“(B) the contribution will be or has been credited or attributed to the registered lobbyist through records, designations, recognitions or other means of tracking by the covered recipient to whom the contribution is made.

“(6) OTHER DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

“(A) the term ‘contribution’ has the meaning given such term in the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.), except that such term does not include a

contribution in an amount which is less than \$200;

“(B) the terms ‘candidate’, ‘political committee’, and ‘political party committee’ have the meaning given such terms in the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.);

“(C) the term ‘covered recipient’ means a Federal candidate, an individual holding Federal office, a leadership PAC, or a political party committee; and

“(D) the term ‘leadership PAC’ means, with respect to an individual holding Federal office, an unauthorized political committee which is associated with such individual, except that such term shall not apply in the case of a political committee of a political party.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to the second quarterly period described in section 5(d)(1) of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (as added by subsection (a)) which begins after the date of the enactment of this Act and each succeeding quarterly period.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 437, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of House Report 110-167, is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

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